

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated June 27, 2005. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 4 and 6-8 currently stand and are under consideration in this application. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Prior Art Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over IA-64 Application Developer's Architecture Guide (Intel Corporation). Further, he rejected claims 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Prabhu (US Patent No. 6,463,525).

Further, the Examiner indicated that he would allow claims 4 and 6-8, if they are rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration in allowing claims 4 and 6 – 8.

As outlined above, claims 1-3 and 5 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, while the remaining claims are being amended into independent form as appropriate. Since the claims are now in independent form as required by the Examiner, the above-noted prior art rejection is hereby rendered moot.

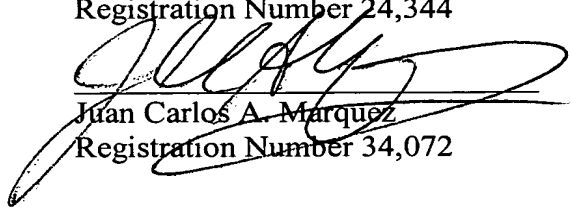
Conclusion

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely, Applicant respectfully contends that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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